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OSLO NATO USUN COMICEDEFOR CINCLANT, JULY 11, FROM REYKJAVIK
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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC-NORWEGIAN FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: REYKJAVIK 0748 AND 0768; OSLO 2363 AND 2399

1. GOI JULY 10 ANNOUNCED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS PROVIDING FOR
LIMITED NORWEGIAN FISHING WITHIN ICELAND'S 50-MILE FISHING
LIMIT. WHILE AGREEMENT DENIES ANY EFFECT ON EITHER NATIONS'S
VIEWS ON THE RIGHT OF COASTAL STATE TO DETERMINE ITS
FISHERIES JURISDICTION, NORWAY, LIKE BELGIUM AND FAREROES,
WOULD APPEAR IN PRACTICE TO HAVE RECOGNIZED ICELAND'S JURISDIC-
TION OVER 50-MILE ZONE. AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED
REFTELS.

2. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE GOVERNMENTS OF ICELAND AND NORWAY HAVE AGREED
ON THE FOLLOWING REALISTIC ARRANGEMENT REGARDING THE EXTENSION
OF THE ICELANDIC FISHERIES JURISDICTION OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1972
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FROM 12 TO 50 NAUTICAL MILES.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT ABOUT 45 VESSELS OPERATING WITH LONG LINE UP TO 125 FT. IN LENGTH, REGISTERED IN NORWAY, ARE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN THE AREA BETWEEN 12 AND 50 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE LINES AROUND ICELAND. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT NO MORE THAN ABOUT 30 LONG LINEERS WILL OPERATE SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE AUTHORIZATIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES:

A. THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ARE TO NOTIFY THE ICELANDIC MINISTRY OF FISHERIES OF THE NAME, THE REGISTRATION NUMBER, AND THE SIZE OF THE VESSEL FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS REQUESTED, AND OF THE NAME OF THE SKIPPER.

B. THE ICELANDIC MINISTRY OF FISHERIES GRANTS THE VESSELS CONCERNED PERMISSION FOR LONG LINE OR HAND LINE OPERATIONS. PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR PERIODS OF 2 TO 4 MONTHS AT A TIME, AND IS RENEWABLE.

2. NORWEGIAN VESSELS OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS ARE TO ABIDE BY THE SAME REGULATIONS AS ICELANDIC FISHING VESSELS ENGAGED IN SIMILAR OPERATIONS, AND THEY ARE TO NOTIFY THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES WHEN OPERATIONS START.

3. NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ARE TO SUBMIT TO THE ICELANDIC MINISTRY OF FISHERIES MONTHLY REPORTS ON THE VOLUME OF THE CATCH HARVESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.

4. THIS AGREEMENT IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES ON THE AUTHORITY OF A COASTAL STATE TO DECIDE THE EXTENT OF ITS FISHERIES JURISDICTION.

5. EACH PARTY CAN ABROGATE THIS AGREEMENT ON SIX MONTHS' NOTICE. END QUOTE.
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